



Appl. No. 10/666,857

Amendment dated January 15, 2004

Reply to Notice of Missing Parts dated December 15, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendments are made merely to reduce the overall number of claims. Applicants believe no new matter is included and reserve the right to pursue any excised subject matter in a subsequent continuation or divisional application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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